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BY A FLOATING MINE

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Victoria, B. C., Dec. 8.—Two hundred lives were lost in the destruction of the Russian steamship Varangian, that was blown up by a floating mine off Cape Manchuria. The story of the disaster was brought by passengers from the east, who have just arrived here. The Varangian was steaming south, with 350 passengers, when the vessel was hit by a mine about her port beam. The explosion tore the bottom out of the ship and she sank in two minutes. She listed so that only a few life boats could be lowered. Many passengers jumped into the sea. One hundred were picked up by Chinese junk. The passengers are mostly Russian traders and merchantmen. The mine is thought to have been floating since the Russo-Japanese war.

AFTER TOBACCO TRIAL.

Officers of Subsidiary Companies Plead Not Guilty—Trial December 18.

New York, Dec. 8.—Plea of not guilty of violations of the Sherman act were entered before Judge Hough of the United States circuit court yesterday by counsel for the MacAndrews and Forbes company of New York and the J. S. Young company of Baltimore, subsidiary companies of the American Tobacco company, and Carl Jungblut and Howard Young, the respective presidents of the two corporations. All are under indictment.

Judge Hough fixed December 18 for the trial of the indicted companies and their president.

The MacAndrews & Forbes company and the J. S. Young company are charged with having obtained a monopoly of the manufacture of plug tobacco, and entering into a trade agreement in violation of the law.

PAYN GOT \$10,000.

Photograph of the Check Shown in the Burnham Trial Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 8.—A photograph of a check for \$10,000 made payable to James Y. Wadsworth as trustee, and signed by Timothy Burnham, who made it payable to Louis F. Payn or order and later endorsed by Payn to the credit of the United States Express company was produced by the prosecution in the trial of George Burnham, Jr., in supreme court yesterday. Burnham, who is counsel for the United States Express company, was in the trial charged with having obtained a monopoly of the manufacture of plug tobacco, and entering into a trade agreement in violation of the law.

MARK DOPPE WHITE SUIT.

Weather Only 20 Above in Washington Today.

Washington, Dec. 8.—With the thermometer down to 20 above zero, Mark Twain today discarded his white suit and journeyed to the White House in heavy black clothes. After calling on the President he went to the Capitol, where he took possession of Speaker Cannon's room. From his headquarters there he will conduct a campaign for new copyright legislation. The speaker has designated his own private messenger to run the legislature into the room to hear Mark's arguments.

WAS 20 BELOW ZERO.

Cold Day When the Canadian Pacific Elevator at Fort William Burned.

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 8.—With the thermometer at 20 below zero, fire broke out yesterday in the smoking house of the Canadian Pacific elevator "D" and within half an hour the whole structure was in flames. Two of the large steel storage tanks adjoining were also destroyed. The elevator which had a capacity of three and a half million bushels was rebuilt after a fire in 1902. The amount of grain stored was small. The total loss is estimated at \$200,000.

GAS TURNED ON.

One Dead and Another in Critical Condition.

Boston, Dec. 8.—Anna S. Willet was found dead in her bed this morning at a boarding house, and Warren Church was unconscious on the floor. Gas which was pouring from a jet fixture explained conditions. It is believed Church rose and tried to turn off the gas, but fell unconscious. He is in a critical condition.

"NO BILL" AGAINST MAYOR.

Effort to Prove Intimidation Against Boston's Executive Fails.

Boston, Dec. 8.—The Grand Jury this morning returned no bills against Mayor Fitzgerald, entering by an article in his paper, "The Republic" and against Simon Donovan, charged with graft in connection with the Fenway improvements.

HUNDREDS OF GRANGERS.

Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting of State Grange in Burlington Next Week.

Burlington, Dec. 8.—Ex-Gov. C. J. Bell, who was in the city yesterday on his way to his home in Walden from Salisbury, where he attended a Grange meeting, stated that the number of Grangers who would visit Burlington next week to attend the 35th annual meeting of the Vermont State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, would reach into the hundreds. The meeting will be held from December 11 to 13 and the session will be in the morning.

At the first session, to be held Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock, committees will be appointed and preliminary business transacted. Mr. Bell will deliver his annual address at the afternoon session and in the evening the third and fourth degrees will be exemplified by West Randolph Grange. Wednesday morning reports from Pomona Granges will be received and in the afternoon officers will be elected. That evening the sixth degree will be conferred. The closing session on Thursday morning will be occupied by the installation of officers and the reports of committees.

A NEGRO KILLED TWO.

Shot and Seriously Injured Two More and Wounded Two Others.

Greenville, Miss., Dec. 8.—Two persons are dead, a similar number seriously wounded and two others slightly injured in a fight here yesterday. Felix Holman, a negro, shot and killed Celia Holman, a negro, in a boarding house. Policeman Abernethy, with B. Coffey, William Vaughn and Enoch Thompson, entered the house to arrest Holman. The negro had two pistols and fired upon the arresting party. The first shot missed, but the second hit Coffey, killing him. Another shot struck Coffey in the body. He may die. Abernethy's right thigh was shattered by a bullet. After emptying his pistols, the negro fled and was fired upon by policemen and citizens. He finally was driven into a warehouse and after a threat to burn him out, he surrendered and was lodged in jail. Holman was shot in the arm.

TRADE REVIEW.

Dun Reports Show Business Is Very Good.

New York, Dec. 8.—Despatches to R. G. Dun & Co. indicate that in most sections of the country distribution of seasonal lines of merchandise responds promptly to the fall in temperature. Boston reports that colder weather has caused a large demand for winter goods, and retail distribution of wearing apparel is large. Wholesale dry goods houses at Portland, Maine, report a satisfactory volume of business, and manufacturing plants are busy, except where labor cannot be secured. Total bank exchanges for the first week of December at all cities in the United States are \$3,327,421,217, an increase of 4.9 per cent over last year.

RANDOLPH.

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Central Vermont Pomona Grange held Thursday with the Spaulding grange in East Brattleboro. Nearly every subordinate grange in the district was represented and very good reports were made. The question of revision of the by-laws was laid on the table until the next regular meeting. The following officers were elected: Master, E. C. Macnaman of Middlesex; overseer, A. E. Whitcomb of Washington; lecturer, George C. Flint of Brattleboro; chaplain, George C. Smith of Brookfield; steward, Charles Smith of Randolph; assistant steward, B. A. Denney of Northfield; lady assistant steward, Mrs. B. A. Denney of Northfield; treasurer, D. D. Howe of Randolph; secretary, Mrs. Carl Wakefield of East Brattleboro; gate keeper, K. H. Howard of East Brattleboro; Ponson, Mrs. E. C. Whitcomb of Middlesex; Ceres, Mrs. A. E. Whitcomb of Washington; Flora, Mrs. G. C. Smith of Brookfield. The invitation of West Randolph Grange was accepted, and the next regular meeting will be held in Randolph in the month of February.

News was received here yesterday by E. A. Shattuck, stating that Harry Moran, who formerly worked for E. E. Evans, was killed in the railroad yard in Buffalo, N. Y., Thursday, while coupling cars.

The wind did considerable damage in and about this village Thursday night, and a number of houses were damaged on the fair ground by Eugene Abbott was twisted and torn so badly that it is considered a wreck.

NORTHFIELD.

Miss Julia Curran has gone to St. Augustine, Fla., where she has employment during the winter months.

The monthly all day winter of Mrs. Kate Dumas Belation died Wednesday evening after a short illness with pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted in the Catholic church yesterday forenoon by Rev. J. P. O'Neill.

The members of Company F will hold a New Year's dance at the armory on the evening of December 11.

The annual firemen's ball in the armory last evening was attended by 100 couples and was one of the pleasant social events of the winter. A concert was given in the first part of the evening by the Whittier orchestra. A supper was served at intermission.

GROTON.

Dexter Whitfield, who is making extensive repairs on the house he purchased last fall of J. R. Darling has the inside work nearly completed, and will soon move his family there.

A. J. Carpenter has received an increase of pension from seventeen to thirty dollars per month. This will be appreciated by Mr. Carpenter as he has become so feeble from heart trouble as to be unable to do any work.

HARVARD WON DEBATE.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 8.—Harvard won the 17th annual debate with Yale last night. The subject was, "Resolved, That Further Restriction of Immigration is Undesirable."

Yale, which defended the affirmative, had among its speakers John C. Shale, '05, and L. Kellogg.

SLIMLY ATTENDED

First Saturday Session of the Legislature

FINDS MANY ABSENTEES

Bill Introduced Today to Amend License Law, Providing Number of Licenses Granted "Yes" Towns Be Exclusive of Druggists' Licenses.

Montpelier, Dec. 8.—It was a slimly attended legislature that attempted today to do business on its first Saturday session, which session was made necessary by the great amount of business. There were only 14 more than a quorum in the House when the gavel fell in the hand of Representative Bailey of Essex, who was acting as speaker. About 100 members out of 240 had been derelict to their duty and had gone home. In the Senate there was also just a quorum when the gavel fell.

Governor Proctor showed that he is keeping up with the legislative process by approving 33 bills and two joint resolutions today.

Among the several new bills introduced today was one by Senator Holden of Bennington, relating to the license law. The bill provides that the number of licenses allowed each "yes" town shall be exclusive of druggists' licenses. Attorney General Fitts had held that under the existing statute druggists' licenses must be included.

Approved by the Governor Today.

H. 49. An act to authorize the conveyance of real estate by the wife after divorce from bed and board.

H. 64. An act to amend No. 94 of the acts of 1902, entitled, "An act to empower fire district No. 1 in Brandon to bring water into said district, and to issue bonds for that purpose."

H. 192. An act to legalize the Brandon Sewer association and to exempt the same from the payment of a corporation tax.

H. 199. An act to amend section 2635 Vermont statutes, relating to marriage licenses, and providing a penalty for violation of the same.

H. 221. An act to amend section 5 of No. 308 of the acts of 1905, entitled, "An act to amend the act incorporating the Village of Northfield, approved Nov. 14, 1895."

H. 241. An act to authorize the village of Winoski to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing land making apparatus, and for building permanent highways.

H. 248. An act to incorporate the Bellows Falls Gas company.

H. 253. An act to enable the Restoration Society at Plainfield to dispose of its property.

H. 284. An act to incorporate the Rockport Savings Bank & Trust company.

H. 318. An act to permit the Brattleboro Masonic Building association to issue bonds.

H. 334. An act to amend sections 1 and 9 of No. 202 of the acts of 1878, entitled, "An act incorporating the village of Richmond" and section 16 of the same act as amended by No. 189 of the acts of 1894.

H. 360. An act to amend section 2283 of Vermont statutes relating to lien on colls.

H. 369. An act to provide for the keeping of state officers' reports in the office of the town clerk.

H. 389. An act to incorporate the Champlain Trust company.

H. 392. An act to amend section 3 of No. 138 of the acts of 1880, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Woodstock Aqueduct company" relating to an additional water supply.

H. 594. An act defining certain duties of the state treasurer.

H. 600. An act to prevent railroad corporations from unjust discrimination against telephone companies.

H. 601. An act to authorize the state to accept gifts of real and personal property.

H. 604. An act to incorporate the Brandon Savings Bank and Trust company.

H. 607. An act to require county clerks to report to the attorney general bonds called and not paid.

H. 611. An act to change the name of West Long pond in the town of Woodbury to Lake Greenwood.

H. 613. An act to incorporate the Village Cemetery association of Shoreham.

Joint resolution relating to final adjournment.

Joint resolution to pay the Argus & Patriot company for printing the report of the special commission on permanent school fund.

S. 40. An act to amend section 1798 of the Vermont statutes relating to notice of sales on execution.

S. 50. An act to amend section 424 of the Vermont statutes relating to the return of inventories.

S. 72. An act to discontinue portions of the Hazen road in the towns of Hardwick and Walden.

S. 73. An act to incorporate the West River and Barre Electric Railway company.

S. 76. An act to enable Bethany church of Randolph to have and hold certain real estate.

S. 81. An act to incorporate the Quarry Savings Bank and Trust company (Barre Town bank).

S. 82. An act to provide for the support of the insane poor.

S. 109. An act to amend sections 26 and 60 of No. 211 of the acts of 1902, entitled, "An act to amend No. 145 of the acts of 1904, incorporating the city and the town of Barre, and all amendments and additions thereto." (Relating to school tax.)

S. 111. An act relating to the consolidation of the Burlington Gas-Light company with the Vermont Electric company and Consolidated Electric company.

S. 132. An act to regulate and equalize the charges by railroad, express, parlor and sleeping car companies for transportation and services.

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SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

Given Last Evening at the Congregational Church.

Quite a good number attended the concert at the Congregational church last evening and they were fully repaid for their effort in braving the cold, the programme being an excellent one. The programme was opened with an organ prelude by Miss Annie Inglis. This was followed by the Schumann Quartette. Miss Mable Hamilton gave a humorous reading, "A Good Way" and responded to an encore. This was followed by a selection from the quartette, after which a trio composed of Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Gale and Mr. Kidder gave the selection "Memory" in a pleasing manner.

Songs, "Last Night" and "I Dream of Thee" were given by Miss Maud Harris, followed by Mendelssohn's "O For the Wings of a Dove" by Miss Emma Phillips and chorus.

Then came the bass solo, "The Clang of the Hammer" by William Robertson. This was sung in Mr. Robertson's usual pleasing manner and he was heartily encored and responded with the solo, "Only a Rosebud."

After Mr. Robertson's solo Miss Hamilton gave an extremely laughable vocal "A Mustard Plaster," and kindly responded to generous applause. The "Spring Song" from Pinesol was next sung by a mixed quartette composed of Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Gale and Messrs Kidder and Dyer.

The next and concluding number consisted of the old battle song, "The Battle Cry of Freedom" and "Tramp, Tramp," sung by a male chorus and heartily encored. The audience showed their appreciation of the excellent work of the company, all the numbers on the programme being heartily applauded.

TENTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Of Mr. and Mrs. William Holden Remembered by Friends—Given a Generous Supply of Tinware.

A number of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. William Holden gathered at their home, 313 Main street, last evening to help them celebrate the tenth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Holden were genuinely surprised and hardly knew what to say at first, but soon entered into the spirit of the occasion and joined their guests in the general good time which followed. The party played whist and other games, after which refreshments were served. The party broke up at a late hour, hoping to be present at the Holdens' golden wedding anniversary, forty years hence.

Mr. and Mrs. Holden were the recipients of a generous supply of tinware.

SPAUDLING HIGH RECEPTION.

Large Attendance of First Gathering of The Class of 1909.

The class of 1909 of Spaulding high school held their first annual reception in the school chapel last evening. There was a large attendance of students and a very pleasant time was enjoyed. The following was the programme for the evening's entertainment. Selection, orchestra, march, chorus, Miss M. B. Pitkin, president of the freshman class of the same school, and started to drive him to Waterbury in order to keep him away from the freshman dance, which was held in the auditorium of the East State street school last evening. The freshmen captured their president and brought him back to Montpelier and took him to the dance, but his feet were too near frost-bitten to allow him to participate in the festivities.

The Tuesday afternoon whist club will meet with Mrs. M. T. Page, Elm street, on Monday afternoon, Dec. 10.

Mrs. Josie Holden and Mrs. Jennie Thompson returned yesterday from a visit with their brother at Springfield, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gypson of Hallowell, Me., are in town to attend the funeral of Mrs. Gypson's father, John Gilbertson.

William Waterhouse of East Hampton, Mass., who has been visiting friends in the city for the past few days, returned to his home today.

Among arrivals at the City hotel today are A. J. McMahon, Rochester, N. Y.; F. H. Child, New York; David McClure, Chelsea, Mass.; E. B. Connolly, John Hampton and N. H. Kidder, Bridgeport, Pa.; C. C. Dyer, New York; W. F. Manning, Plainfield, N. J.; and J. P. Lawrence, Fitchburg, Mass.

The King's Daughters held their regular monthly meeting Friday evening, December 7th, at the home of Miss Bella Walker, Vine street. Owing to the absence of the president and vice president and also several other of the members, no business was transacted at the meeting, but a social hour was enjoyed instead.

Mrs. Susan Holt, aged 80 years, wife of the late Samuel B. Holt, died at the home of her son, Carlos, in Montpelier yesterday afternoon of